



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY:

Address of property Street 1527 West Baltimore Street
City Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip Code 21223
Name of historic district in which property is located Union Square

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

This three story, three bay wide commercial building is constructed from stretcher bond brick. The first floor features a storefront with a central entrance flanked by two show windows, and a door to the upper (continued)

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

This building is significant as a representative example of both commercial architecture and useage along West Baltimore Street, an important commercial area of the city since the mid-nineteenth century. (continued)

Date of construction (if known) c. 1870 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name H. Lowenthal & Sons Limited Partnership, c/o Harris J. Belinkie
Street 3041 South Buchanan Street
City Arlington State VA Zip Code 22206
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code (703) 931-1134

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature H. Lowenthal & Sons Limited Partnership Date 4/2/80

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature [Signature] Date 5-1-80
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure

☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

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Description Cont.

floors on the right. A granite step leads to the recessed entrance to the store. The entranceway features a wood door with large glass pane surmounted by a transom. Transoms are located above the boarded show windows and the boarded entrance to the upper floors. A wooden cornice with brackets and decorative jigsaw ornamentation defines the first floor of the front facade. The upper floor windows are boarded over and feature simple wood sills and splayed brick lintels. A modillioned cornice with small dentils completes the front facade. The rear of the building has been added to in a haphazard manner with a variety of building materials.

Little remains from the interior of the building. The first floor ceiling has collapsed above the store section of this level. The upper floors of the building are not accessible. The only remaining interior details are the rather simple wood frames of the windows.

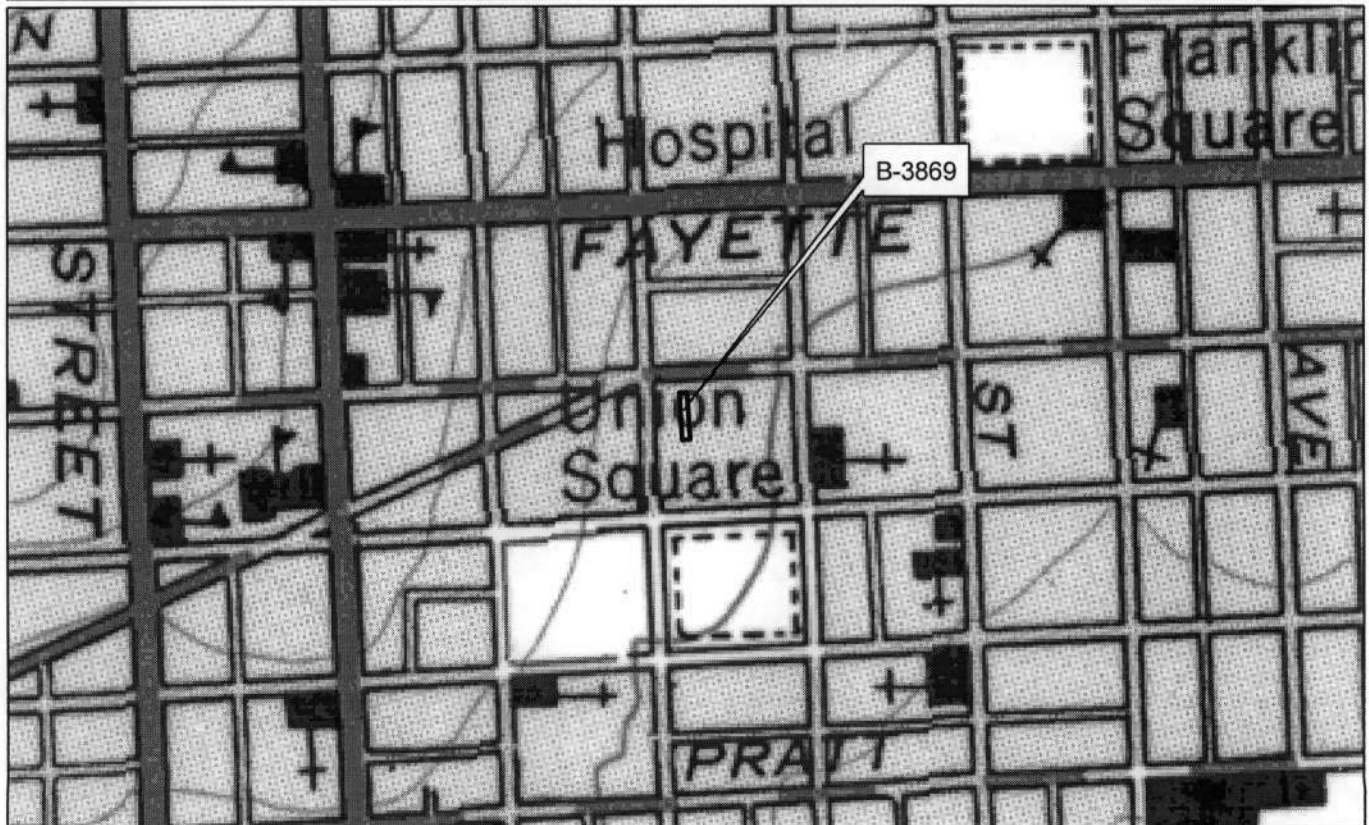
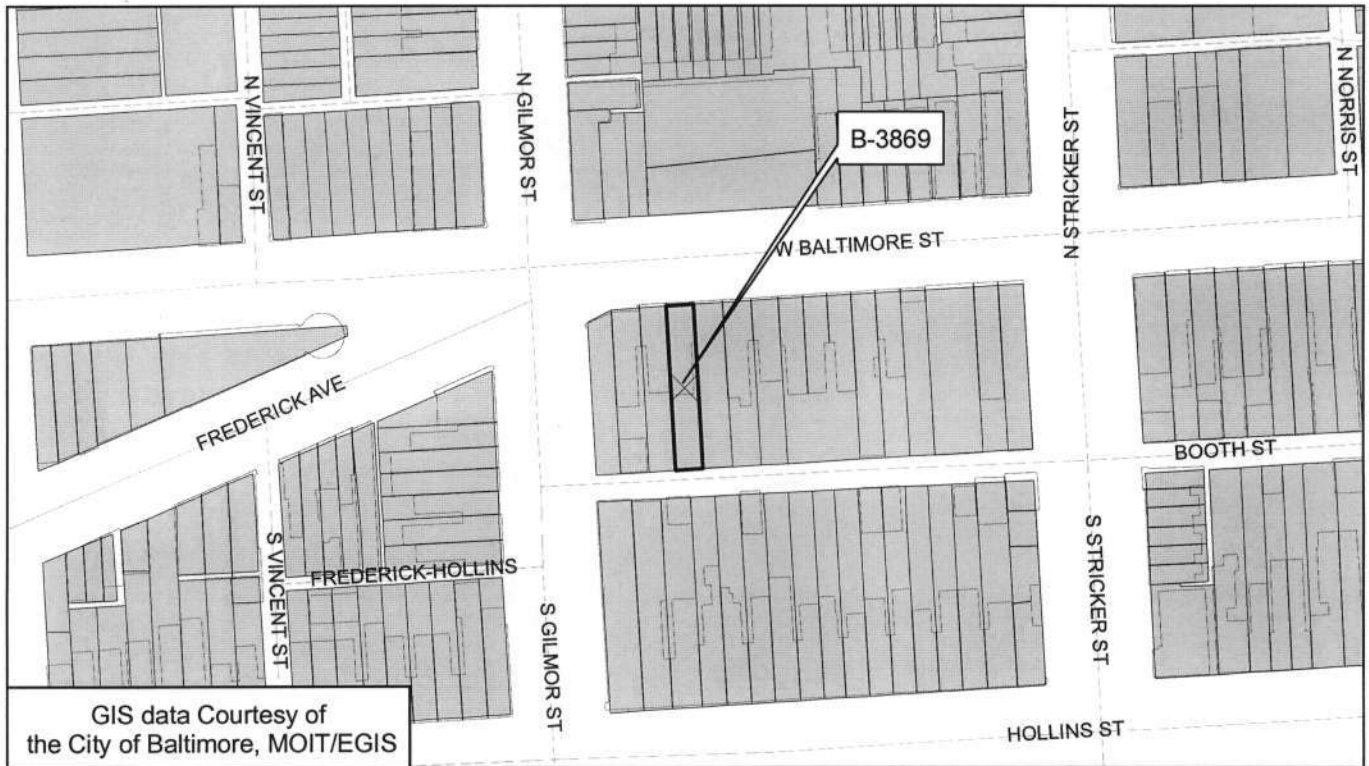
Significance Cont.

The West Baltimore Street commercial area rapidly grew in the second half of the nineteenth century and by 1880 nearly all of the buildings along major portions of the street were used for small businesses. During the 1920s, the area was at its business peak and housed some major national chain stores such as A & P and Singer Sewing Machines, as well as growing local chain stores such as Arundel Ice Cream. Three major theatres were located in this section of West Baltimore Street in the early twentieth century as well some larger manufacturing uses such as the Foos Candy Company. After World War II, the surrounding neighborhood and the commercial area went through a stage of deterioration. Today, with innovative programs like shopsteading, and a great deal of residential rehabilitation in Union Square, this historic section of Baltimore is undergoing revitalization.

1527 West Baltimore Street dates from c. 1870 and was probably built by Emanuel Brickerd, a local carpenter, whose name appears in early land records for the property. The building was owned by Madison L. Day in the 1880s and was called Madison L. Day's Sons, grocers, for a few years. The business later grew into a wholesale grocery establishment. It was used for a restaurant for a short time in the 1920s and for over thirty years, roughly from 1930 through the 1960s, it housed the Capitol Cleaners and later Gordon's Cleaners.

The building is fairly intact architecturally and retains a late nineteenth century storefront and modillioned cornice. It is contemporary of surrounding buildings and compatible to the late nineteenth century flavor of the street. The rehabilitation of this building through the shopsteading program will enhance revitalization efforts in this area and return an important element within the West Baltimore streetscape to its original appearance.

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